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INCLUSION OF MES IN CSS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MES has not been empanelled in the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) which is represented by various other Central Government Departments thus depriving MES officers of this valuable exposure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action intended by Department of Personnel and Training to include MES in the Central Staffing Scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Military Engineer Services (MES) has not been empanelled in the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS).

(b) The Central Staffing Scheme is based on the Centre`s need for fresh inputs at senior levels in policy planning, formulation of policy and implementation of programmes. The Central Staffing Scheme does not provide for career betterment for any of the participating services. Growth, development and career prospects of the officers belonging to services participating in the Central Staffing Scheme, lie in their own cadre. Moreover, there is already a large number of Organized Group `A` Services participating under the Central Staffing Scheme. As of now, the necessity of having more services to participate in the Central Staffing Scheme is not urgent.

(c) In view of reply to part (b) above, question does not arise.